

Minutes

EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 July 2011

Meeting held at Committee Room 7 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



HILLINGDON
LONDON

	<p>Members Present: Councillors Eddie Lavery (Chairman), Brian Crowe, Paul Harmsworth, Mo Khursheed, John Riley and Brian Stead.</p> <p>Representative Member for Education Issues: Tony Little</p> <p>Officers Present: Mark Braddock, Democratic Services</p>	
10.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>Action by</p>
11.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2011</p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
12.	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>It was agreed that all items of business were considered in public.</p>	
13.	<p>CONSIDERATION OF ANY CALL-INS OF DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON 28 JULY 2011</p> <p>Members gave consideration to the Cabinet reports of 28 July 2011 and after careful consideration Members decided not to call-in any decision made by the Cabinet at their meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Committee also agreed to waive the scrutiny call-in on Cabinet's decisions in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item 6 – Hillingdon's response to the Government's consultation on High Speed Rail• Item 24 – Extra Care Housing; contract award for the provision of personal care. <p>However further information was requested on the following matters within Cabinet agenda Item 8 – Primary School Capital Programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Additional information on the s106 monies available for community and landscaping and which developments the monies have been gained from;	<p>Action by:</p> <p>Mark Braddock</p>

2. Has there been any exploration of other sites for a new school in the south of the Borough?
3. A reassurance of the quality of the data now being used to forecast pupil numbers;
4. In table 1 of the report where it indicates the current forecast of 24 forms of entry for 2012/13, can officers provide a breakdown of this information by individual school;
5. Whilst agreeing the need for “principles spanning phase 2 and 3” (as set out in the report), the Committee required clarification on whether such principles would be flexible, if the need arises for a particular school site.

[Subsequent to the meeting, officers provided the following responses:

The additional Section 106 monies that may be considered are set out in the table below from the Community Facilities Funds, and Environment Funds respectively:

Community Facilities Funds

Funds	Received from	Restrictions	
£77,151.49	<i>Fmr Honeywell Site, Trout Rd, Yiewsley</i>	<i>Spend by September 2014, for the provision of community facilities in the locality.</i>	
£63,050.00	<i>Tescos, Trout Road, Yiewsley</i>	<i>Spend by March 2016, for the provision of improving existing community facilities within the Yiewsley area</i>	

Environment Funds

Funds	Received from	Restrictions	
£12,424.19	<i>Land at Hendrick Lovell, SW of Dawley Rd, Hayes</i>	<i>Deed of Variation (DoV) agreed to shift funds to Lake Farm for planting. DoV not yet finalised but in the pipeline. No time limit. Could be used for school landscaping if it goes ahead.</i>	<i>spend on Could be</i>

A need has been identified for a new school in the School Place Planning Area 11. The Council has no land in its ownership within this area or close to its boundaries except for green spaces and Hayes Pool. With regard to Hayes Pool, the site size requirement for a new school is 5 hectares, compared to the Hayes Pool site area of 1.05 hectares including a shared access. The use of Botwell open space is not feasible as this land, forming mainly 3G football pitches, is managed by the Council’s leisure operator GLL, and was financed partly by the Football Foundation , and is therefore already committed as sport for the community.

The industrial history of Hayes means that many sites are heavily contaminated, which has affected the Council's ability to consider former employment land. Two sites not in the Council's ownership were excluded as follows:

1. London Gate site, Blyth Road, Hayes

The site is approximately 6.61 hectares in area and lies within the Botwell Conservation Area. There are listed buildings on site and the site is very heavily contaminated. The contamination issues link to an underground aquifer and are complex. The site is not suitable for a school development.

2. Glenister Hall – Vacant site

At 1.4 hectares this site is too small for a 3FE school, and has been owned by a national housebuilder for the last 5 years. The site is clearly unsuitable as it is too small and could only be purchased at residential land values which would be prohibitive.

Finally, Minet Country Park is owned by the Council, but has no current road access. The only feasible road access has severe congestion issues. The site is green belt, with land contamination issues. There is also concern as to the implications of the Southall Gas works site. All of these factors excluded this site from consideration.

Each year, an estimate is produced of the number of school places required for several years ahead using a number of data sources. A forecast range is produced, which informs the planning of provision. The base source is the official population projection provided annually by the Greater London Authority (GLA). The following are also taken into account in producing the forecasts:

- Recent Office for National Statistics (ONS) births data*
- Primary Care Trust (PCT) registrations*
- Expected child-yield from housing developments*
- School intakes as a proportion of the population*

The forecast Reception number for January 2011 was 96.58% accurate. The overall forecast for primary pupils was 98.84% accurate.

However robust the forecast methodology, the predictions cannot be certain. For example, the steep rise in births experienced in 2008 was not predicted by either the ONS or GLA. Therefore, actual demand for places is monitored closely.

The following table shows the latest estimate for the number of additional forms of entry for each school place planning area for September 2012. Feasibility studies are in progress. This requirement is in addition to schemes being progressed at Whitehall, Grange Park, Colham Manor, Brookside, William Byrd, Cranford Park and Rosedale College i.e. the overall number expected to be required is 23.5 forms of entry/24 schools.

SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING AREAS

	2012/13
PLANNING AREA 1 : Harefield Infant; Harefield Junior	1
PLANNING AREA 2 : Frithwood; Harlyn; Hillside Infant; Hillside Junior; Holy Trinity CE	1
PLANNING AREA 3 : Bishop Winnington Ingram (BWI); Coteford Infant; Coteford Junior; Warrender; Whiteheath Infant; Whiteheath Junior	
PLANNING AREA 4 : Breakspear Infant; Breakspear Junior; Glebe	
PLANNING AREA 5 : Bourne; Deanesfield; Field End Infant & Junior; Lady Bankes Infant & Junior; Newnham Infant & Junior; Ruislip Gardens; Sacred Heart RC; St Swithun Wells RC	1
PLANNING AREA 6 : Cowley St. Laurence VC-CE; Hermitage; St Andrews CE; St Mary's RC; Whitehall Infant; Whitehall Junior.	2
PLANNING AREA 7 : Highfield; Hillingdon; Oak Farm Infant; Oak Farm Junior; Ryefield; St Bernadette's RC	3
PLANNING AREA 8 : Charville; Grange Park Infant; Grange Park Junior; Hayes Park	1
PLANNING AREA 9 : Belmore; Brookside; Yeading Infant; Yeading Junior	
PLANNING AREA 10 : Colham Manor Primary; Rabbsfarm; St Matthew's CE	1
PLANNING AREA 11 : Botwell House; Dr Triplett's CE; Guru Nanak Sikh Primary; Minet Infant; Minet Junior; Wood End Park, Rosedale College	2
PLANNING AREA 12 : Cranford Park; Pinkwell; William Byrd	2
PLANNING AREA 13 : Harmondsworth; Heathrow	0.5
PLANNING AREA 14 : Cherry Lane; Laurel Lane; St Catherine's RC; West Drayton	1

Potential Total Requirements 15.5

The principles are intended as guidance where practicable. Its integration into schemes of either phase will be undertaken through an analysis of specific need. The application of these principles

predominantly with new-build /stand alone projects provides a degree of flexibility which will enable officers to effectively assess and adopt the most cost-effective and practicable approach to project delivery, whilst still complying with DfE guidelines."]

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the decisions made by Cabinet at their meeting on 28 July 2011 be endorsed and noted and no call-in be made of any decision.**
- 2. That officers be asked to provide responses to the issues outlined above.**

The meeting, which commenced at 8.05 pm, closed at 8.40 pm.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Mark Braddock on 01895 250470. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.